

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 is currently amended.

Claims 2-4 and 6-12 are original.

Claim 5 was previously canceled.

Claim 13 is new.

New Claim 13 is supported by original Claim 5.

Upon entry of the amendment Claims 1-4 and 6-13 will be active.

No new matter has been added by the amendments.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Zimmer for the helpful and courteous discussion he had with Applicants' U.S. representative on October 4, 2005. At that time, Applicants' U.S. representative noted that the claimed species in component (A) of the claimed composition is not taught nor suggested by the combination of the cited references (Haselhorst, U.S. 6,300,455 and Hatanaka, U.S. 4,329,275), and therefore, the claimed composition would not have been obvious over the cited references. The Examiner stated that the claimed composition was anticipated by the composition described in column 2, line 46 ($T_6D_{300}D^{vi}M_4^{vi}M_4$) of Haselhorst because the term "comprising" in Claim 1 for component (A) did not exclude the D^{vi} species described in Haselhorst from the claimed species of component (A). Applicants then noted that Claim 1 requires the listed species of component (A) to total 100 mol%, and therefore, species D^{vi} was excluded from component (A) since it is not listed as a claimed species in component (A) of the claimed composition.

Because Claim 1 includes only the claimed species listed for component (A), the species described in Haselhorst and Hatanaka are excluded from the claimed composition; and therefore, the claimed composition would not have been obvious over the combination of the cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

In light of the above remarks contained herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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